

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

DISTRICT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Kathy Arey

v.

Civil No. 10-cv-00549-JL

Town of Conway, et al.

ORDER AFTER PRELIMINARY
PRETRIAL CONFERENCE

The Preliminary Pretrial Conference was held in chambers on **January 21, 2011.**

The Discovery Plan (document no. 6) is approved as submitted, with the following changes:

- Close of discovery - **October 1, 2011**
- Summary judgment deadline - **October 8, 2011**
- Jury trial - **February, 2012. Note: Counsel agreed to discuss the possibility of a bench trial, and will inform the court by March 15, 2011.**

Amended complaint. Plaintiff's counsel agreed that the only colorable claim alleged by the complaint and known to him at this time is a Fourth Amendment "excessive force" claim. By **March 1, 2011**, the plaintiff shall file an amended complaint asserting such a claim.

Carroll County is dismissed from the case, as no Fourth Amendment "excessive force" claim lies against it.

Summary Judgment. The parties and counsel are advised that compliance with Rule 56(e) and Local Rule 7.2(b), regarding evidentiary support for factual assertions, and specification and delineation of material issues of disputed fact, will be required.

Discovery disputes. Discovery disputes will be handled by the undersigned judge, as opposed to the Magistrate Judge, in the normal course. No motion to compel is necessary. The party or counsel seeking discovery-related relief should confer with adverse counsel to choose mutually available dates, and then contact the Deputy Clerk to schedule a conference call with the court. The court will inform counsel and parties what written materials, if any, should be submitted in advance of the conference call.

Customary motions to compel discovery, while disfavored by the undersigned judge, are nonetheless permissible. If counsel prefer traditional discovery litigation to the conference call procedure set forth above, any such motion to compel should expressly request, in the title of the motion, a referral to the United States Magistrate Judge. Such referral requests will

normally be granted. If the Magistrate Judge is recused, alternate arrangements will be made.

SO ORDERED.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Joe Laplante", written over a horizontal line.

Joseph N. Laplante
United States District Judge

Dated: January 24, 2011

cc: Charles G. Douglas, III, Esq.
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